

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23263

This proposed change in statute would exempt homes approved by the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) as Medical Foster Homes (MFHs) from state certification for the care of dependent Veterans who are not receiving Medicaid. Homes that care for non-veterans in addition to the Veteran would still require state certification.

FISCAL NOTE

Existing Idaho Certified Family Homes that choose to become VA Medical Foster Homes and care only for qualifying dependent veterans would be approved and inspected by the VA. Without state certification, those homes would no longer pay \$300 in annual certification fees, so the Department would experience a drop in revenue in the Certified Family Home Program. Any decrease in revenue, however, would be offset by an accompanying decrease in cost to the Department. The average annual cost to complete a Certified Family Home inspection is \$290.00. The VA MFH Program is new to Idaho and is being introduced in the Boise area first. It is unknown at this point how many existing Idaho Certified Family Homes will choose to become exclusively VA MFHs.

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